**PATENT** 

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In RE application of

M. SEKINE et al.

Serial No.:

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Group Art Unit:

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H. KIM

For: TAPE MANAGEMENT METHOD BY WHICH A VIRTUAL TAPE FILE EMULATED ON Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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## REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 14, 2005

Sir:

In Reply to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, please amend the above application as set forth below.

## IN THE TITLE:

Please change the original title of the application to
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